

CPA Douglas Teaches Accounting

Discrimination Case Plaintiffs Ask Delay In Federal Court

Suit By Negro Children Not Ready For Trial Says Attorney

LUMBERTON.—Appearing before Judge Gilliam Grissom in Federal Court in Raleigh Friday to enter a motion for dismissal of the suit recently entered against school officials by a number of negro children complaining of discrimination, attorneys H. E. Stacy, O. L. Henry and Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., found the plaintiffs not ready for trial at the next term of court in Fayetteville. The hearing on the motion for dismissal and the trial were continued until the March 1949 term of court, and it was agreed that a pre-trial conference would be held before the matter was tried.

Judge Rules Jury List Improper; Criminal Prosecutions Stopped

White Cane Sale

Next week, September 20 thru the 27th will be White Cane Sale week, when the Lions of the state will conduct the sale of the little white canes for the benefit of the special fund for the blind people of the state. The sale will be conducted in Lumberton, Rowland, Maxton and Red Springs by the Lions clubs of these towns, and in other communities by local committees.

Unusual Feature

Appearing on the first page of the second section of this issue of your Hometown Newspaper is a story, with pictures, especially prepared for your paper. The story deals with one of the largest, if not the largest, industrial enterprise in Robeson County — an enterprise with which many are not familiar. The story on the St. Pauls mills, now owned and operated by the Burlington Mills, tells of a complete renovation of the textile industry in St. Pauls since it was taken over by Burlington and converted to acetate fiber.

Both the story and the pictures were prepared at the request of your Hometown Newspaper some weeks ago, by John Harter, who was a feature writer for the Hometown Newspapers for two years and who early this summer was appointed publicity director for Burlington Mills.

Military Rites Sunday For Sgt. Henry E. Deaton



RED SPRINGS.—Military honors will be paid to Sergeant Henry Ervin Deaton Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Alloway Cemetery here, when his body will be buried after being removed home from an American Military cemetery at Niederbronn, France.

Sgt. Deaton was killed in action in Luxembourg on December 18, 1944, after serving in action in North Africa, and with the Fifth Army in Italy. He was serving with a mechanized cavalry reconnaissance group.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Deaton of Red Springs, he was born at Shannon, April 21, 1916. He graduated from the Red Springs schools and attended Jones Business College at High Point. He worked for a time at Durham prior to enlisting in the army on February 6, 1942 at Fort Bragg. He received his training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and Fort Dix, New Jersey. For a time he was stationed in Iceland, sailing from New York in June 1942, and later for England in January 1943.

The burial rites will be conducted by the Rev. Lloyd Mauney, pastor of the Red Springs Baptist church of which Sgt. Deaton was a member. The military rites will be performed by members of the Charlie Hall Post of the American Legion and a group from the Headquarters Battery of the 67th Anti-Aircraft Battalion of the National Guard unit of Red Springs.

PJC Grid Opener Two Weeks Away

MAXTON.—The weather hasn't been too warm, there has been no actual scrimmage yet, but the PJC football candidates have been leaving the practice field each afternoon this week, with sweat drenched uniforms, because there has been plenty of workout.

Coach Doak has less than two weeks, in which to find his starting squad, his offensive and defensive power, and to install the plays, before the opening game with Brevard, on October 2nd.

The first of this week's practice was spent mostly on installing the plays, with the end of each session being used for blocking and passing practice.

It is too early yet for the line and defensive strength to have shown up, but in the passing department it looks like Ankie Rowe, 155 lb returning letterman, Wiley Steed 150 lb back from Maxton, and Bill Jones 160 lb tail back from Kentucky.

First scrimmage of the team will be held Saturday afternoon, at the college field.

LEGGIONNAIRES TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

MAXTON.—There will be a meeting of the Maxton Legion Post at the Community Club, Friday night, September 17, at 8:00 p. m. All legionnaires are asked to be present to discuss the final plans for the barbecue dinner to be held in October.

Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Jack McGirt, Mrs. L. Gilbert, Mrs. Tom Adams and Mrs. Gus Speros.

Pembroke Fair Postponed

PEMBROKE.—Due to continued polio restrictions by Health Department, the Pembroke-Robeson Fair has been postponed until the latter part of October, it was stated here today by Harry West Locklear, manager of the annual festival sponsored by the Pembroke Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture.

The date of the fair will be announced as soon as the polio conditions have improved and restrictions are removed.

Jr. Women Plans Childrens Crusade

MAXTON.—The September meeting of the Maxton Junior Women's Club was held at the Community Club on Monday evening at eight o'clock, with the president, Mrs. W. H. Stewart, Jr., presiding over the business session.

Most important business of the meeting was the decision for the club to sponsor the United Nations Appeal for Children through the International Relations Department of the club with Mrs. R. E. Hellekson, chairman. This "Crusade for Children" is an emergency organization set up by the United Nations to raise funds simultaneously throughout the world to help finance the International Children's Emergency Fund of the United Nations, which will help needy children overseas. The Maxton drive will start as soon as plans are completed.

The club also voted to sell Christmas cards as a project of making money this fall. Mrs. A. H. Drinnan was appointed as chairman of this project. Announcement was made that the Maxton Kindergarten sponsored by the club would begin operation soon under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Horst. This is the main project of the Education Dept. of the club.

Following further business discussion, the president presented the club with a gavel and the 1948-49 Year Books for distribution to each club member.

Accident Victim In Critical Stage

MAXTON.—The condition of Miss Bessie McLean, elderly Maxton resident, was reported by the Scotland Memorial Hospital this morning, as being "critical," but that she was "holding her own" in the hour she is waging with the pneumonia that developed following the injuries she received in an automobile accident last Friday morning. She has passed the serious "shock" stage, but, in addition to the pneumonia, she is suffering from four rib fractures and multiple lacerations on her face.

The wreck occurred when the 1929 Chevrolet sedan, driven by Miss McLean, was struck as it was crossing Laurinburg-Maxton highway, in Maxton Hill on the right side by a laundry station wagon, the Chevrolet was turned completely around, and Miss McLean was thrown from the car to the pavement. Miss McLean, the sole occupant of the car, was carried to the hospital by Dr. Robert Croome.

W. R. Carter, of Bennettsville, driver of the station wagon, was coming into Maxton from Laurinburg, and was shaken up by the crash, but rendered all aid possible. The front end of his vehicle was badly damaged.

No blame for accident has been placed as yet, but Mr. Carter is under \$150 investigation bond.

State Patrolman Pearce, Maxton Chief Fowler and Deputy Purcell are investigating the accident.

W. E. Elmore, Jr., Atty.

LUMBERTON.—William Edward Elmore, Jr., was presented to the Superior court this morning and was sworn in as an attorney. The oath was administered by L. R. Varsor.

Explains County Bookkeeping, No New Facts Appear In Hearing On School Fund Injunction

Nimocks Says Injunction Rests On Law's Meaning

The afternoon session of the hearing on the school fund injunction saw little additional testimony introduced, and attorneys for the defendants and plaintiffs began their summarizing addresses. J. Dickson McLean delivered the principal summary for the defendant county officials and Frank Hackett spoke for the plaintiffs.

Judge Nimocks adjourned the court until tomorrow morning when the discussion of legal points in the case will be continued. Before adjourning the court the judge said that the principal point which he would consider in reaching a decision lay in whether or not money which was collected as taxes for current school expenses, but which was transferred as surplus to the Capital Reserve Fund, could be spent for other purposes than that for which it was levied. He said that there was no question in his mind as to the legality of the transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund.

The defendants suggested that if the amount collected for current school expenses was greater at the end of the year than the budget that there was no way to use it for current expenses as the need was already past, and that as surplus transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund the money could be used for purposes specified for that fund.

The plaintiffs have wandered far afield from their original contentions and are now, in the position of saying that a so-called "fund of annual surplus" cannot be spent for new schools but must be spent for other school purposes.

The contention that the acts under which the county officials acted are unconstitutional was mentioned Monday by the plaintiffs as being the big point in the case. It has been casually mentioned since but little evidence has been presented on the point.

Mr. McLean pointed out two paradoxes in the case saying that the suit could exist because the defendant City School Units have not been treated fairly, while the units are defendants, and deny that monies due them have not been received. The other paradox lies in an injunction which stops spending for the school program which the plaintiffs seek to improve.

Mr. Hackett's answer claimed the use of funds for other than purposes for which collected. He further claimed that monthly payments for current expenses were not made, and that the negro appropriation was made after federal suit was entered for improvement of the negro situation.

Scouts In Maxton Meeting Again

MAXTON.—The boy scouts of Maxton, recently reorganized, began meetings Monday night under Scoutmaster Douglas Purcell and assistant scoutmaster, Jack Castevens. The troop, which was called by the polo ban, has 16 members: Thomas Caddell, Henry Easter, Horace English, Mac Davis, Thomas Carrowan, Donald Pulliam, John Hamer, Leroy McCall, Mac Hensey, Dan Misenheimer, Clinton West, Bill Nelson, Herby Williams, Jimmy Turner, and Freddy Randall.

John C. Jackson Freed Of Charges

MAXTON.—The Grand Jury of the Salisbury Superior Court failed to return a true bill, in the manslaughter charge against John Calvin Jackson, of Maxton, yesterday, thereby freeing the former state highway patrolman.

The charges were brought against Jackson, following the death of an aged Salisbury negro man, last July, after being struck by the patrolman's car. The defendant was relieved of his duties as highway patrolman shortly after the Spencer Recorders Court hearing, which charged him with the death.

Explains County Bookkeeping, No New Facts Appear In Hearing On School Fund Injunction

This morning's second session of the school fund injunction hearing was taken up with the cross-examination of S. Preston Douglas, county accountant, by attorney Frank Hackett. Three hours of questioning failed to bring to light any fact that did not appear in Douglas' testimony given under direct examination Monday afternoon.

Additional details of the various audit reports were put on record, but the chief accomplishment of the session was instruction in the mechanics of simple double-entry bookkeeping which Mr. Douglas was forced to give in explaining the figures. Mr. Douglas had a ready explanation of all "obscure" points, and at no point showed the slightest sign of lack of assurance.

The criticism which Mr. Douglas appended to the 1945-46 audit was put in evidence and his explanation showed that the criticism had resulted in a change in subsequent accounting practice in a correction in prior practice.

Sole witness examined in the first (Monday) session of the inquiry into the temporary injunction against the expenditure of county funds by county officials before Judge Q. K. Nimocks, was S. Preston Douglas, Certified Public Accountant and auditor for Robeson County. Under examination by defense attorney J. Dickson McLean, Lumberton attorney, Mr. Douglas accounted for the source and expenditure of all county funds under discussion; namely, funds earmarked for school use.

The evidence offered in answer to the injunction and written into the court records from Mr. Douglas' testimony, which was concerned solely with receipts and expenditures, accounted for all funds in question and showed that all funds, due the schools had been paid out, were appropriated, or were on hand.

Explaining the source of funds in question in the injunction, Mr. Douglas said that transferred from the General Fund to the School Fund was \$206,005.47 which was originally derived from the school fund and from which was deducted \$10,274.61 due the County Debt Service Fund by the School Debt Service Fund, leaving a total of \$195,730.86; to this was added \$22,040.15 due the Lumberton, Fairmont and Red Springs Units making a total transfer of \$217,771.01.

Funds were then transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund amounting to \$205,000.00; the difference of \$12,771.01 represents an unaffiliated balance which is in dispute with the City of Lumberton but which is still available for payment.

The transfers were made under the act of 1943 setting up the Capital Reserve Fund. Transfer through the General Fund was a technical matter. Since July 1945 all funds

Pembroke Sends 13 Students To Red Springs

PEMBROKE.—Thirteen students, mostly high school seniors, enrolled as "temporary" students of the Red Springs High School today. This is the parents' answer to the question of which school their children will attend, an argument that has been in progress for some weeks.

A month ago patrons of the white schools from this community requested the County Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners to provide a bus to transport their children to Red Springs. The county board approved the application, and forwarded their request to Raleigh for State approval. Last week the State Board of Education turned down the request, stating that the bus serving the Pembroke area, would continue to transport pupils on to the Philadelphia school.

Fowler Resigns As Maxton Police Head

MAXTON.—Chief of Police S. F. Fowler, tendered his resignation Monday night, at the meeting of the Maxton town board. His resignation, effective today, was accepted by the town officials, who appointed night policeman McQueen as the new chief. A replacement for Mr. McQueen's night job has not been made as yet.

Eight Year Old Fairmont Boys Victim Of Dread Leukemia Still Lives

FAIRMONT.—Eugene Rhodes, eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Rhodes of Orrum, Route 1, has been and still is a very sick little boy. Several weeks ago he developed Leukemia, dreaded blood disease, and since that time he has been through quite a lot.

When Dr. Phil Fagan first diagnosed the disease, Eugene was taken to Thompson hospital in Lumberton where he remained for ten days undergoing treatment. After that he was taken to Duke hospital for further treatment and study.

Up to this time Leukemia has been called a hopeless disease, but science is a wonderful thing, and his case only proves this point a little more. Doctors have discovered a new medicine, 4-aminopyrimidopyrimidine, better known as Aminopterin, and this is being given to Eugene. He is the fifth person on whom the medicine has been used. Three of the five have died but he and one other are still alive, very much so, and seems to be improving from day to day.

He was sent home from Duke last week, medicine was sent to his physician, Dr. Fagan, with instructions as to its use, and he will be returned to Duke for examination in a few days.

In the meantime, most of his time is spent in bed, but for a short while each day he gets up and sits in a chair. He has received his third grade school books and says that he is going to study at home and pass his grade. He is interested in everything that is going on and wants to know all about everything.

Friends of his urge interested persons, particularly school students to write Eugene, tell him what is going on, what they are doing that would interest a boy of eight years who could not get out and around. Send him packages, cards, letters, and then just imagine what a smile will break out on his little face as he eagerly opens them to see what is inside.

In the meantime, hopes are rising among his family and friends. They each and every one know that this treatment is still in its experimental stage, but as long as there is life there is hope, and hope still lives for his ultimate recovery.

No matter how busy you are in this mad rush for the survival of fittest, take some time out and

Maxton Young People Off To College

MAXTON.—Maxton youths have packed their luggage and left for out-of-town colleges starting this week. N. C. State at Raleigh, is getting the largest number of the local students for any one college. Attending State will be Lawrence Morris, Creedy Copeland, Dewey Evans, Howard Hasty, John Leach McNeil and Jack Maxwell. The rest of the preferences are pretty well divided up.

Also at Raleigh, but at different schools, are Ada Austin, attending Peace College, Nancy McKinnon at St. Mary's and Betty Jo Edwards at the Raleigh School of Commerce.

At U. N. C. will be Ed McLeod and Douglas McCormack, while Randall McLeod will do graduate work at that school. John, Jr. and Amos Daniel will attend Wake Forest and Fred Frostik is taking a fellowship at Duke. Dorothy Winters, the CHIEF'S society editor will leave soon for W.C.U.N.C. at Greensboro. Marjorie McEachen will attend Flora McDonald and Marshall James will be the only Maxton student at Davidson.

Maxton High School For Draft Office

MAXTON.—A Maxton draft board branch will set up a registration office at the Maxton High School this Friday. Registration of all age groups will begin at 9:00 a. m. and continue throughout the day. Those men of the community, who have failed to register as required, will be able to do so without having to travel to Lumberton. The board possibly will remain through Monday, but after that date, men who have not made the visit, will have to travel to the county seat.

remember this little boy in your prayers, in your deeds, with letters, gifts, visits, in any way that is possible, and remember the words of the Good Samaritan, "Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you." The address is Eugene Rhodes, Route 1, Orrum, N. C., or write Eugene Rhodes, care Times-Messenger, Fairmont, N. C., and your letters will be carried in person.

Robeson B&L In New Office; Hartley Secretary

LUMBERTON.—"Bill" (that's short for Alonzo Mims) Hartley has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Robeson Building and Loan Association and assumed active management of the association on September 1. The offices of the organization were moved this week to 216 East Fourth Street, opposite Linkhaw Sales Stables and in the Robeson Sales Corp. building.

Mr. Hartley succeeds Murchison Biggs who resigned the position in February. Other officers are Erwin T. Williams, president and Leroy Townsend, vice-president.

Lumberton Draft To New Quarters Monday

LUMBERTON.—With the heaviest part of the Robeson County draft registration over with, the Lumberton draft board will move from their Agriculture Bldg. office, to their permanent office in the Rowland Bldg., on West Fifth St., Closing out all county branch offices on Saturday September 18, operations, in their new location, on the following Monday.

The branch offices: Pembroke, Rowland, Fairmont, St. Pauls and Red Springs, were set up to aid in handling the initial rush, but beginning Monday, men from these towns who are required to register will have to report to the Lumberton office.

Norman Cordon, Famed Met Basso, To Be Heard In Free Concert Friday

RED SPRINGS.—Norman Cordon, internationally famous bassist of the Metropolitan Opera company and well-known North Carolina concert singer, will be heard here Friday night in a combined concert and lecture, it was stated today by Hiram Grantham, president of the Rotary Club.

Mr. Cordon's concert and lecture will be open to the general public, and will be presented at the Red Springs High School, beginning at 7:45. He will be the guest of the Rotary Club at a joint meeting in the luncheon room of the high school promptly at 7 p. m.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Mr. Cordon attended the University and Fishburn school and was a fellow student of a number of Red Springs and Robeson county men. He was associated with Hal Kemp at the University in the Carolina Club orchestra of which James Garrett was trombonist. Later he switched from the popular type music of that day to the more serious works of concert and operatic music and became one of the outstanding basses of the present musical age.

TOBACCO

Highest Prices In Twenty Years At Fairmont

By STRIC FAIRMONT.—Prices on the Fairmont Tobacco Market are still soaring far above the average on any other market in the Border Belt at the present time. The average for sales to date is \$53.53 which is several dollars higher than other markets.

Lumberton Mart Slated To Pass Pre-Season Goal

By Marion Alexander The Lumberton Tobacco Market today was fast nearing its pre-season goal of 30 million pounds, and indications were that it would not only live up to advance predictions but go a million or so over.

Yesterday's sales were 381,512 pounds for a total of \$171,329.15, and today's sales were estimated at approximately the same.

This will bring the season total to approximately 28.8 million, and the totals through yesterday were 28,892,140 pounds, \$14,621,681.27, and a season average of \$51.50.

The latter figure was considerably over the average for any other Belt that has been operating for any length of time, and more and more growers from up the country were bringing their tobacco here as

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